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By What Authority?

It has been customary heretofore to engage on first-class naval steamers from six to eight and on second-class from four to six assistant engineers, whose fitness for the responsible duties devolving upon them in managing the engine and boilers has been certified by proper examining boards. When we reflect that the safety of vessel and crew, as well as the preservation of costly machinery, depend upon the skill and courage of the engineer, too much importance cannot be attached to the measures adopted for elevating the tone and infusing a proper sense of self-respect and responsibility into the engineers corps. Yet it is said that since the war of the line upon the staff began the Navy Department, under the line influence which controls it, has reduced the number of assistant engineers on the vessels to two, and substitutes for the remainder a class of employees designated as machinists, hired as hands at \$55 per month, without any assignable position in the register. They are neither ship, seab, fowl nor good red herring. We wish to know by what authority and for what purpose these men are substituted in the place of recognized officers?

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MR. MURDOCH'S ENTERTAINMENT THE ENTERTAINMENT will be born in mind by our citizens that James E. Murdoch's entertainment appropriate to the anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln, will be given in Lincoln Hall this evening. Gen. W. T. Sherman will preside, and the President, Vice President, Cabinet officers, heads of the army and of the navy, and many other distinguished officers and gentlemen will be present, and will occupy seats on the stage. The doors will open at 7 o'clock, and the Marine band will render choice and appropriate selections of music. Ill 8, when Mr. Murdoch will be introduced by General Sherman, and will deliver his great lecture, entitled, "Impressions and Recollections of Abraham Lincoln," and will follow that with readings of selections from the ablest writers, which will illustrate his nature, the whole to be well interspersed with music, under the direction of Prof. Scialo. Full length paintings of Lincoln and Washington will adorn the spaces on either side of the stage, and the hall will be neatly decorated.

As heretofore announced, the net proceeds of this entertainment will be contributed to the fund of the "Lincoln Monument Association." Tickets for reserved seats will continue to be sold at the bookstores of Messrs. Philip & Solomons, Hill 6 o'clock this evening, and at the ticket-office at the hall on the opening of the doors.

M. W. CLINTON, superintendent of Indian affairs in New Mexico, writes to the Committee on Indian Affairs, from Santa Fe, N. M., that Gase's band of Navajo Indians, numbering 100 persons, have applied to him for advice as they refuse to go on the reservation with the other Navajos; for the reason that they are not now, nor never have been, on good terms with the other bands of their tribe. They also complain of depredations committed by the Mexicans, and say a woman and child have been stolen and are held in captivity by them. Maj. Clinton states this band is very needy and deserving, and asks permission to retain for their use implements for farming, as they are industrious and will make good use of the means.

VISIT OF OHIO OFFICIALS—Next Monday, (Easter,) immediately upon the adjournment of the Legislature of the State of Ohio at Columbus, that body will start for Washington in a special train. Governor Hayes and all the officers of his staff will also be of the party, besides a number of prominent citizens of the State. The party will come by the Central Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads, will reach here on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning, the 21st inst., and remain several days, returning by the same route. It is stated that the visit of the Governor and Legislature of Ohio to the national capital is simply one of pleasure.

NAVAL ORDERS—The following naval orders were issued yesterday: Ordered—Assistant Surgeon John W. Ross, to the Naval Academy; Assistant Surgeon B. S. McKee, detached from the Naval Hospital, New York, and ordered to the Franklin; Assistant Surgeon Lewis S. Pitcher, detached from the Franklin and ordered to the Naval Hospital, New York; Boutwell Philip J. Miller, detached from the Navy-yard, Norfolk, and ordered to the

Baltimore. The orders are dated April 13, 1868.

IN COMPLIANCE with a resolution of the House, charges are being prepared at the Navy Department against Commander John H. Upsher for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, in that he did strike a member of Congress, for twelve hundred dollars, to appoint his son to a naval cadetship at Annapolis. As soon as charges are prepared a court-martial will be ordered to convene for the purpose of trying Commander Upsher.

I LEARN FROM a reliable source that the President has no intention at present of issuing a general amnesty proclamation. It would be that he entertained the idea some time ago, but he is so pained with stories of outrages at the South, said to be committed by the ex-Confederates, that he has come to the conclusion that it is too early for a general amnesty.—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Herald.*

T. K. COLLINS, Esq., a well-known printer and publisher, in Philadelphia, died a few days ago. He was formerly a resident of Washington city, where he was employed successively by Peter Force, Talcott & Son, and by D. S. Green.

The Colored Municipal Senator in New York, N. Y.

The friends of the fifteenth amendment had a celebration in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday evening, and among those present was Senator Revels, of Mississippi.

The Rev. Hyland Garrett having been intrusted with the task of naming a good colored boy by Miss Thomas, of Baltimore, and the two Misses Mifflin, of New York, to place in the hands of Senator Revels. This he begged to do, and forthwith gave it to the Senator, saying: "I believe you will like it." The Senator, however, took the boy and together, but to tell you the truth, the ebony has become pale gold in these days. This fifteenth amendment is a great thing; it places a colored man on an equality with the Irishman and the Dutchman."

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher said:

"My friends, who assembled here to hold a jubilee over a great victory which had been won after many and severe trials, have done well in the service of life to fight for liberty in my country. It was said that the colored man had no manhood; that he was lazy, and that if he had been intrusted with the government, the welfare of the plantation would have become a curse. But how nobly have you answered those taunts in the hour of your trial. There are no classes more self-respecting, more brave, or more hungry after education. My friends, I tell you, this great example may be followed by all countries of the globe."

Mr. Beecher then turned to Senator Revels and said:

"I tender to you the right hand of friendship, (grasping the Senator's hand.) Fellow citizens, I introduce to you your fellow-citizen, Senator Revels, of the United States Senate."

Rev. Mr. Beecher spoke briefly, reading from the Constitution of the amendment to the constitution which had enfranchised his race.

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THE THIRD WARD REPUBLICAN

CLUB—Meeting of the Third Ward Republican Club—Tuesday Evening, April 17, 1868. (8 P.M.) President, A. H. Kinney, President.

ATTENTION WORKINGMEN!

The Workingmen's Association of George Washington, No. 100 Broadway, New York, U.S.A., invites every workingman to a meeting on THURSDAY EVENING, 1868, at 8 o'clock. Every member of the association is cordially invited.

THE TRUE REPUBLICAN

CLUB—Meeting of the True Republican Club—Tuesday Evening, April 17, 1868, at 8 o'clock, for the transaction of important business. All are welcome to speak.

By order of the Executive Committee,

JOHN R. LYMAN, Secretary F. H. L. Smith.

TOURIST PARADE ON THE BROADWAY

OF NEW YORK—On Saturday, April 14, 1868, at 10 o'clock, at noon, at the corner of Broadway and 42d street, the annual tourist parade will be held in the following order:

1. THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

2. THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

3. THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

4. THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

5. THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVAL RESERVE.

6. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

7. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER CAVALRY.

8. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

9. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER ENGINEERS.

10. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER SANITARY CORPS.

11. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER MEDICAL CORPS.

12. THE UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER FORCES.

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